

**Minutes of the 'A' Ward Committee Meeting
Held 9 July 2013
In the Committee Rooms, 40 Cherry Street, Ballina**

Time Commenced

The meeting commenced at 4.00pm.

1. Attendance and Apologies

Cr Hordern announced the passing of Paul Kennedy and acknowledged his contribution to the Committee.

Cr Hordern introduced and welcomed John McKenna (North Coast Community Housing) as an observer to the meeting.

Attendance

Cr Sue Meehan	Councillor
Cr Robyn Hordern	Councillor - Chair
Cr Ken Johnston	Councillor
Cr David Wright	Mayor
Allan Hart	Paradise FM
Margaret Hains	Ballina Day View Club
Betty Barwick	Ballina CWA
Andrew Playford	Ballina High School & East Ballina Lions Club
Pip Carter	St Andrews Ballina
George Young	Ballina Lions Club
Glenn Costello	Ballina Chamber of Commerce & Ballina Retail Action Group
Lorraine Leuckel	South Ballina Community Association
Pamela Steel	Ballina Coastal Country Musical Festival
Boyd Lancashire	Ballina Bears Cricket Club
John Leon	Ballina Rugby Union Club

Council Staff in Attendance

John Truman Group Manager Civil Services

Observer

John McKenna North Coast Community Housing

Apologies

Hazel Elliott	Ballina Evening View
Mary O'Brien	Lighthouse Day Club
Ross Pickering	Ballina & District Citizens & Ratepayers Association
Dr Lee Andresen	Ballina Environment Society

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Deputations

There were no deputations.

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4. Confirmation of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 14 May 2013 were accepted as a true and correct record, subject to correcting record from Paul Steel to Pam Steel.

5. Business Arising from Previous Minutes

Glenn Costello requested an update on the outcome of his question regarding the Pacific Highway heavy vehicle rest area.

6. General Business

Nil

7. Council Documents on Exhibition

The list of previously advertised documents were discussed. This information was noted by the Committee.

8. Business Without Notice

i) Commemoration Park

Margaret Hains requested a seat at Commemoration Park near the swings.

John Truman advised staff would review.

ii) Trees on Coast Road

Margaret Hains requested trimming of the trees adjacent to the Gallery on the Coast Road.

John Truman advised staff will be tasked to inspect and respond as required.

iii) Shelley Beach Café

Betty Reynolds requested advice about why the café is in its current condition.

The meeting was advised that the new lease holders have planning approval for a new building and are currently dealing with land occupation matters with the Crown.

iv) Missingham Park Cycleway

Betty Reynolds would like to see the renewal of the cycleway extended.

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John Truman advised the Council has a project in the new budget to plan the upgrade of the market area and potentially this project could be a source of funds to address this issue.

v) *RV Friendly Town*

Pam Steel referred to the information presented to the previous meeting and requested further investigations into the proposal.

John Truman suggested a meeting to review.

vi) *Angels Beach Dog Signage*

John Leon requested additional signs regarding dog management on the beach.

John Truman advised staff will be tasked to inspect and respond as required.

vii) *Country Music Festival*

Pam Steel reported the festival planning for 4/5/6 October is progressing well, although attracting sponsorship.

viii) *Coastline Shared Pathway & Recreational Path*

Cr Johnston inquired about the status of the project and indicated he had received resident concerns about the proposed locations for the path routes.

John Truman explained that the route options have been previously determined by Council following an exhaustive investigation inclusive of extensive community consultation. Therefore, the applications currently on exhibition have been prepared.

ix) *Graffiti Management*

Cr Johnson report graffiti problems on the Fishery Creek Bridge and the power box in Temple Street.

John Truman will task staff to inspect. John also advised Council's strategy is to remove graffiti as soon as it occurs. Residents should report incidents as soon as possible to the general council contact points.

x) *Aged Care Funding*

Pip Carter reported on changes by the Federal Government to the arrangements for community members seeking to access aged care facilities.

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The A Ward Councillors responded with an interest in seeking support for Council to express a response to the Government. Pip was invited to provide further details to assist Council to make submission.

xi) RMS Truck Stop

Glenn Costello asked when this will be operational.

John Truman to arrange a response.

xii) Wigmore Arcade

Glenn Costello requested an update on this project.

John Truman to arrange a response.

xiii) Business Rate Proposal to assist in Local Marketing Campaign

Glenn Costello report Council and the Chamber were working on a proposal to generate funds for a marketing campaign. Subject to consultation the proposal is to levy business with an 8% rate rise which will generate a marketing fund of approximately 280,000 per annum.

xiv) RDA Workshop

Glenn Costello reported that the Chamber had participated in a regional development workshop organised by the NRRDA. Glenn indicated his concern that Council was not represented at the workshop.

John Truman advised he wasn't familiar with this event and our assessment to attend or not, however he indicated that Council as a key stakeholder regularly communicates with the RDA on a broad range of matters.

xv) Ballina Fair Tenancies

Alan Hart noted his concern about the number of vacant tenancies at Ballina Fair.

xvi) Public Toilets South Ballina

Lorraine Leuckel reported the Association's campaign for facilities continues. Don Page has agreed to write to Robyn Parker with a request for funds.

xvii) Community Notice Board

Lorraine Leuckel requested Council install a community notice board on the Ferry.

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John Truman advised he would check the Council's policy position and respond to Lorraine.

xviii) Porter Park Child Care Facility

George Young reported a Northern Star story regarding issues impacting on the opening of the facility. As this is not a Council project, Council representatives were not able to provide further clarification. To the extent of Council's knowledge, the project manager was required to make some changes to the design to meet license conditions and this had resulted in some delays.

xix) Fox Street Trees

Boyd Lancashire reported his disappointment regarding the vandalism to the newly planted trees in Fox Street.

John Truman advised as the replacement trees were also vandalised the Council was not able to continue this project in this area.

xx) Saunders Oval

Boyd Lancashire requested whether a synthetic pitch can be installed on Saunders Oval prior to the commencement of the cricket season.

xxi) T20 Night Competition

Boyd Lancashire reported that the Cricket Club will be running a T20 Night Competition.

xxii) Ballina Markets

Andrew Playford invited Committee members to the markets. These are held every third Sunday. Andrew also expressed concerns about not being able to erect signage advertising the markets.

John Truman responded that Rod Willis would be able to review this matter with Andrew.

xxiii) RSL School Formal Drop Off Zone

Andrew Playford asked if the Council would approve the use of part of the RSL Club Carpark for a drop off zone as the modern approach to arriving at these events can generate crowds and some safety risks.

John Truman responded that Council could approve a proposal, subject to the Schools or Club submitting a Traffic Control Plan for assessment.

xxiv) Skull Candy Oz Grom

Cr Meehan reported on the size and success of this event and congratulated LeBa for their organising efforts.

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xxv) Prawn Festival

Cr Meehan reminded members of the Prawn Festival planned for 16 November 2013.

xxvi) Woolworths

Cr Meehan reported that Woolworths was on target for their opening and that she was pleased to hear that Woolworths has incorporated some public art features into their building.

xxvii) Surf Club

Cr Meehan reported how impressive the new surf club building is and invited Committee members to attend the opening on 27 July 2013.

xxviii) Naidoc March

Cr Hordern reported on the success of the march and the community spirit associated with the event.

9. Next Meeting

The next meeting to be held at 4.00pm on Tuesday 10 September 2013.

10. Meeting Close

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 5.15pm.

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Name	Business	Signature
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Cr Robyn Hordern	Ballina Shire Council	
Cr Ken Johnston	Ballina Shire Council	
Cr David Wright	Ballina Shire Council	
Ms Betty Barwick	Ballina CWA	
Mr George Young	Ballina Lions Club	
Mr Glenn Costello	Ballina Chamber of Commerce & Ballina Retail Action Group	
Dr Lee Andresen	Ballina Environment Society	X
Ms Margaret Hains	Ballina Day View Club	
Mr Allan Hart	Paradise FM	
Mr Andrew Playford	Ballina High School & East Ballina Lions Club	
Ms Hazel Elliott	Ballina Evening View	X
Ms Mary O'Brien	Lighthouse Day Club	X
Mr Pip Carter	St Andrews Ballina	
Mr John Truman	Group Manager Civil Services	
Mrs Lorraine Leuckel	South Ballina Community Association	
Ms Pamela Steel	Ballina Coastal Country Musical Festival	
Mr Boyd Lancashire	Ballina Bears Cricket Club	
Mr John Leon	Ballina Rugby Union Club	
Mr Ross Pickering	Ballina & District Citizens & Ratepayers Association	X
John McKenna	North Coast Community Housing	 Apology